

STOW MARIES MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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16th September 2025

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to join the Meeting of **STOW MARIES PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Monday 22nd September 2025** commencing at 7.30 p.m. in The Smythe Hall, Church Lane, Stow Maries, when the following business is proposed to be transacted.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Sayer

Parish Clerk/RFO

Chairman: Cllr. Matthew Cooper

Vice Chairman: Cllr Neil Gilmore

Councillors: Cllrs:- David Hopping, Debbie Driver & Adam Brown

A G E N D A

25-6/062 APOLOGIES

25-6/063 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) To receive any declarations of interest for any agenda items.

25-6/064 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –

- a) To receive, review any amendments, approve and sign the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21st July 2025

25-6/065 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- a) Report has been received and placed on the website

25-6/066 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- a) Report has been received and placed on the website.

25-6/067 QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

An opportunity for members of the public to speak and raise issues.

25-6/068 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Planning Applications:-**
No applications to review at the time of writing.
- b) **Planning correspondence** received over the course of the month and circulated via e-mail:
 - i) Planning application listings to be noted already circulated by email.
 - ii) Planning decisions and appeals to be noted already circulated by email.
- c) **MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**
 - i) Update if available.
- d) **BRADWELL B**
 - i) Update if available.
- e) **STOW MARIES GREAT WAR AERODROME**
 - i) Update if available.
- f) **Chelmsford City Council** has published its updated Statement of Community Involvement for consultation. The consultation runs for four weeks until **4.00pm on Thursday 9 October 2025**. To discuss and decide whether to make a response.
- g) **Draft Planning Enforcement Service Standards Document.**
Members to decide whether to make any comments, deadline by Wednesday 15 October 2025.

25-6/069 HIGHWAY & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES

To receive updates on outstanding highways issues *and* an opportunity for members to raise any new highways issues and make decisions accordingly.

- a) Members to receive an update and to discuss and decide whether any action needs to be taken in regards Halt Bridge, Church Lane.
- b) To discuss and decide whether to book the Trucam in an effort to try and deter speeding through Stow Maries.
- c) To discuss and decide whether to pay contractor £160.00 to fell dead tree on side of road.

25-6/070 FINANCE

- a) Members to approve the payments and receipts for August & September 2025.
- b) The external auditor has confirmed and accepted Stow Maries Claim of Exemption for the financial year ending 31st March 2025.

25-6/071 WEBSITE

- a) Update if available and make any decisions.

25-6/072 - STOW MARIES PARISH VILLAGE SIGN

- a) **Update on contractor able to refurbish the Village Sign** and decide upon a course of action.

25-6/073 - A Better Connected Essex - Public consultation on Essex transport strategy - There is an ongoing public consultation on a new Essex Transport Strategy: 'A Better Connected Essex'. Members to decide if they wish to put their views forward as

individuals or as a Parish Council. The consultation is open until **Wednesday 24 September 2025**. To view the strategy and provide your feedback, please visit <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/better-connected-essex/>

25-6/074 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

IT Policy and updating of Standing orders and Financial Regs not presented at this meeting.

25-6/075 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th October 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

25-6/076 ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN TRANSACTED THE CHAIR THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING & CLOSES THE MEETING.